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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**GENERAL MANAGER ANNOUNCED FOR  
NEW HILTON GARDEN INN<sup>®</sup> DALLAS/RICHARDSON HOTEL**

Carrollton, Texas, April 14, 2008 – Magnolia Lodging, LLC today announced that Cathy Guss has been appointed as General Manager of the new Hilton Garden Inn<sup>®</sup> Dallas/Richardson hotel located at 1001 W. President George Bush Turnpike. The 125-room hotel, currently under construction, is scheduled to open in early summer 2008. This hotel is owned and managed by locally based Magnolia Lodging, LLC.

As General Manager Guss will direct all areas of the hotel's operations including guest services, sales and marketing efforts and hotel administration.

“We are excited to bring Cathy to the new Hilton Garden Inn Dallas/Richardson hotel in Richardson. Based on Cathy's extensive background and outstanding record in hotel management, we are confident that she will be instrumental in ensuring the success of this new hotel,” said Michael Buta, Vice President of Operations for Magnolia Lodging. “Cathy will be a strong asset to this property as we gear up for its opening.”

Prior to joining the Hilton Garden Inn<sup>®</sup>, Dallas/Richardson hotel, Guss has had previous experience working with Magnolia Lodging as General Manager of the Hampton Inn and Suites<sup>®</sup>, Medical Center in Houston.

When completed, the new Hilton Garden Inn Dallas/Richardson will provide guests with a full complement of services and amenities to include complimentary high speed internet access, remote printing to the hotel's 24-hour executive business center, the Garden Sleep System<sup>®</sup> bed, Mirra<sup>®</sup> ergonomic chair by Herman Miller, HD flat screen televisions, an indoor swimming pool and whirlpool, a full-service restaurant and bar and an onsite guest laundry facility.

Hilton Garden Inn is part of Hilton Hotels Corporation; recognized internationally as a preeminent hospitality company. The company develops, owns, manages or franchises more than 2,900 hotels, resorts and vacation ownership properties. Its portfolio

includes many of the world's best known and most highly regarded hotel brands, including Hilton<sup>®</sup>, Conrad<sup>®</sup>, Doubletree<sup>®</sup>, Embassy Suites Hotels<sup>®</sup>, Hampton Inn<sup>®</sup>, Hampton Inn & Suites<sup>®</sup>, Hilton Garden Inn<sup>®</sup>, Hilton Grand Vacations<sup>®</sup> Homewood Suites by Hilton<sup>®</sup>, and The Waldorf-Astoria Collection<sup>®</sup>. For more information about Hilton Garden Inn locations, visit [HGI.com](http://HGI.com).

Based in Carrollton, Tx., Magnolia Lodging LLC develops, builds and manages a variety of award-winning, nationally recognized hotels under the Hilton and Marriott brands. Magnolia Lodging's upscale hotels provide exceptional service and accommodations for travelers to the North Dallas and Houston areas. For additional information, please visit the company's website at [www.magnolialodging.com](http://www.magnolialodging.com).

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